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**By Carol Peterson**

Developing alternatives to SPUR's Central Waterfront Plan topped the agenda March 13 at a workshop attended by 60 neighbors, 12 facilitators and 12 guests.

The day-long workshop had been preceded by a major amount of work by members of the Potrero Central Waterfront Committee (PCWC), who spent more than 4,000 hours of their time in preparation for the workshop.

By all accounts, the workshop, which gave the public an opportunity to contribute their ideas to the Planning Department, was a huge success.

In the last nine months, the Potrero Central Waterfront Committee contacted 70 to 80 percent of the business and residential properties included in the SPUR Central Waterfront Plan area.

Of the 406 properties, 106 are residential. The remaining 300 properties are businesses that currently provide jobs for more than 6,000 people and cover 3.3 million square feet.

These businesses have been in the Central Waterfront area from one to 46 years. They are involved in industrial usage (mostly involving construction), home/business services (mostly in the printing and photography trades) and a good deal of transportation-related

## Hillers Developing Alternative Vision To Preserve Eastern Slope

activity, such as auto repair, Muni, and the Port of San Francisco.

Also in this area are historical buildings of more than 100 years of age, some of which are houses and some of which are businesses and public buildings like the Union ironworks and the I.M. Scott School.

After the door-to-door survey was completed, the public was invited to give their input at the March 13 workshop.

The PCWC invited representatives from the Planning Commission, Muni, the Port of San Francisco, the Mayor's

Office, and the Board of Supervisors to attend the meeting. All except the Supervisors were in attendance. The attendees were broken into nine groups, with a facilitator at each table. They had an hour to complete their ideas for the rezoning and preservation of the area.

Although the committee has not had time to analyze the results, several concepts were included on all nine plans. All of the groups wanted a promenade of some sort that ran the length of the waterfront.

And consistent in all plans was the idea that Dogpatch and other historical

areas should be preserved.

Most groups suggested a small boat marina in Warm Water Cove, and some suggested that a ferry terminal might be included. Most mentioned that the height of new construction should remain fairly low (30 feet) on the waterfront, and increase, as it neared Highway 280.

There was talk of moving the Muni Light Rail stop from Mariposa to 18th Street, and possibly relocating the system to Illinois Street instead of further congesting Third Street.

Plans for community usage of existing unused structures centered mainly on the Potrero Police Station, with mention of converting the building to a community youth center or maritime historical museum.

One group suggested a gymnasium was needed somewhere in the area to accommodate the possibility of more teenagers in the neighborhood. All groups also stressed the need for large areas of open space and many parks.

The PCWC is taking a well-deserved break until Wednesday, April 21, at which time they will reconvene and continue to meet every other Wednesday until the project of developing an alternative plan for the area has been completed. Anyone who wishes to contribute their time may contact Sandra Peterson at 642-8528.

## MISSION BAY CAMPUS

# Safety, Design, Access Focus of UCSF Forum

**By Judy Baston**

Nearly 100 people attending a UCSF Mission Bay Community meeting March 1 explored a number of questions about how the UCSF campus will relate to neighboring Potrero Hill.

Since most Hill residents will be looking down on the 43-acre UCSF research and teaching campus at Mission Bay, participants in the meeting expressed various concerns about what they would see — and even breathe — from Potrero Hill.

Focus at the March 1 session, was on Building 24, the first scheduled to be built in the UCSF project. Typical elevation of this laboratory building will be 85 feet, with the penthouse levels 20 feet higher. Topping the building's roof will be groups of ventilation stacks.

Responding to a number of questions about the stacks, UCSF representatives noted that until wind tunnel studies were conducted, they could not say how tall the stacks would need to be nor whether they could be covered in any way, because they considered "safety first and then design."

Although stressing that the UCSF laboratories "are not a factory making a chemical product," representatives of the university noted that "we do have researchers who periodically do experiment with chemicals. We have an airflow system above lab benches to catch particulate matter — sometimes in a filter and sometimes no filter is needed."

Several participants in the meeting expressed concerns about looking down on the stacks, and one suggested using non-reflective metal. UCSF Vice Chancellor Bruce Spalding expressed "a commitment that we will come back to a community forum with further presentations on roof design."

Other questions during the evening centered on neighborhood access to the campus and its facilities.



Participants in March 1 community meeting saw a model of Building 24, the first scheduled to be built on the UCSF Mission Bay campus.

Although he noted that the campus community center will be "primarily for faculty, students and employees," Spalding added that, "we agreed to have an open campus and we always make facilities and memberships available to the community at a discounted rate." He said he anticipates "similar access" for Potrero Hill residents to the gym and swimming pool to be built on the new campus.

They will be designing these facilities "to serve the campus at full buildout," he said, adding that in the first phase of con-

struction, access should be maximum, but "as building continues, access may change."

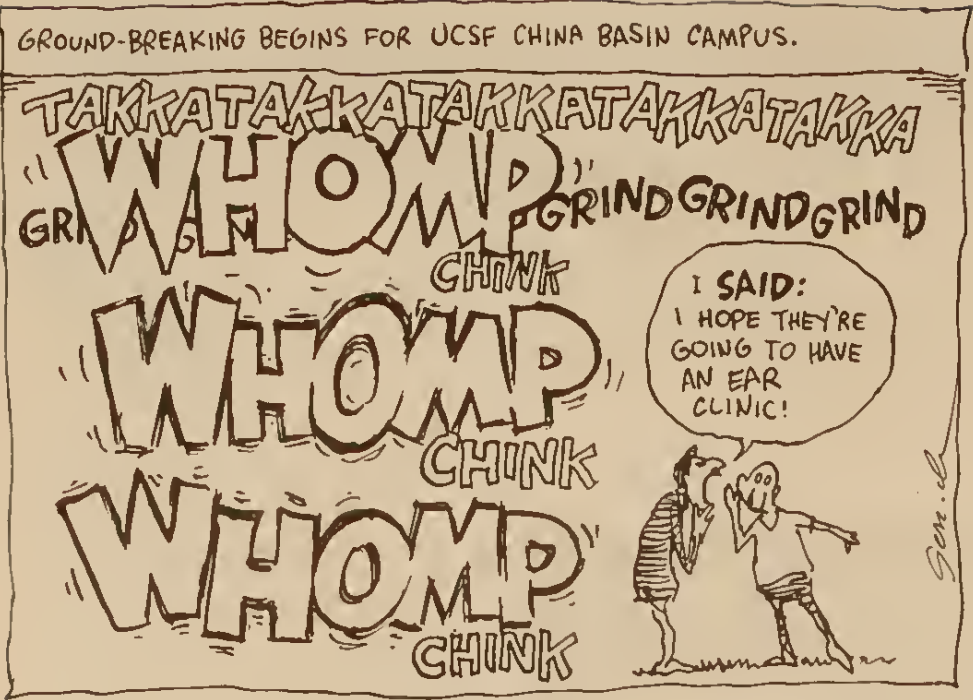
On another matter that also touches on the relationship between the neighborhood and the campus, another participant in the meeting noted that the wall bordering the campus on 16th Street gave "a sense of keeping pedestrians out."

UCSF representatives indicated that the 48 foot setback from the sidewalk might help mitigate that impression.

Groundbreaking on the building is planned for October, and pre-construction will be starting this month.

**Get Out  
Your  
Earplugs,  
UCSF Warns  
Neighbors  
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## GETTING INVOLVED

**ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector)** meets the first Thursday of each month (April 1) with members of the San Francisco Police Department, to discuss issues of public concern. The Forum takes place at 7 p.m. in the Community Facility downstairs at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps. This month's meeting took place April 1 (prior to the View's publication) and focused on enforcement and prosecution of drug dealers, among other issues. Next month's meeting (May 6) will address quality of life issues, with speakers from the Department of Parking & Traffic and Department of Public Works and others.

**Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board** meets the second Monday of the month (April 12) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1050 Wisconsin Street, are open to the public.

**Potrero Hill Democratic Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month (April 13). The meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St. This month's agenda will include a report on the April 10 Farmworkers Walk for Justice; a discussion of the Living Wage Resolution and, with an eye on the coming District Elections for Supervisors, what qualities should be looked for in a District Supervisor. For more information call Bob Boileau at 826-6359.

**Starr King Park Board of Directors** meets the second Wednesday evening of each odd-numbered month (next meeting: May 12) at 7 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room, 1616 - 20th St. The Saturday work parties (11 a.m. until noon) will continue every month on the third Saturday of the month (May 15). The park is located at Carolina and 23rd Sts.

**PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors)** meets in executive session only. Any-one wishing to raise an issue for consideration by the Board may phone Elizabeth at 826-6359. (Watch for the general meeting on May 19).

**Potrero Hill Boosters Neighborhood Assn.** meets the last Tuesday of the month (April 27) at 7:30 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library, 1616 - 20th St. For details, please call Dick Millet at 861-0345.

**Potrero Hill Garden Club** meets the last Sunday of the month (April 25) at 11 a.m. for a potluck brunch in a local home or garden. Informal discussion will be held on a variety of subjects relating to organic, edible or ornamental gardening appropriate for Potrero Hill's particular mini-climate. Please call 648-6740 for details.

# Letters

## McKinley Square

Editor,

In February **The View** ran this letter, and unfortunately we did not get the response that we had hoped for. Maybe some neighbors missed it so we are asking you to print it again. The McKinley Square (20th & Vermont Street) renovation has finally begun after six years. When completed, the park will include a brand new playground for tots and older kids, picnic tables, water fountain, new sod and irrigation, and an improved "official" dog run area with a circulation path, and low maintenance plants on the hillside.

The budget for this renovation was made in 1993, and after a number of delays and some unexpected costs we find that we are still in need of money to complete the project as planned. We are being awarded a matching grant from the Friends of Recreation and Park, but we are still short.

We need to raise as much money as soon as possible so that we can work with the current contractor. If he completes the work that he was contracted for and leaves, the balance of the project will have to go through the bidding process again, and it really is a long drawn out process. Our goal is to get the park reopened as quickly as possible.

We are asking our community to please help us finish this project by donating any amount possible. Checks can be made out to PLAN (our fiduciary agent) indicating Friends of McKinley Square. Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to PLAN, 953 DeHaro St. Any questions, please call Cathy Franklin at 641-5441 or Joan Ryssin-Anthony at 821-7279. This will soon be a lovely, revitalized park in the character of our unique Potrero Hill community.

We thank you for your support.

Friends of McKinley Square

## The 44<sup>th</sup> Potrero Hill Artists Exhibition April 10—30, 1999



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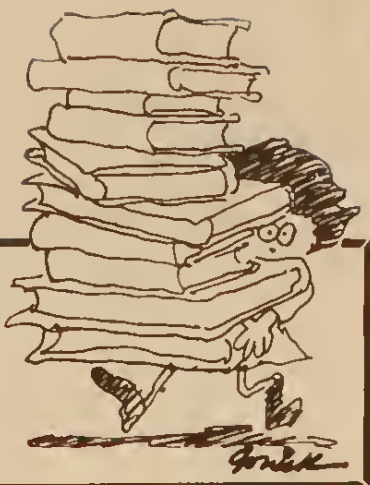
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ARTISTS EXHIBITION MAKES ITS MARK

Library carpenters have recently put in some new shelving at the Potrero Branch Library — not for books this time — but for artwork! They are readying the library for the upcoming 44th Potrero Hill Artists Exhibition, which opens here with a reception for the artists on Saturday, April 10 from 7-9:30 p.m.

Plan to come, and bring your dancing shoes so that you can rock to the sounds of the Billy Dunn Dance Band. Dancing will be upstairs in the meeting room this year — so that there is plenty of room for visitors to view the art on display as well as plenty of room to kick out those jams when the spirit moves you.

APRIL IS NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH — DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

Bleary-eyed and time-zone-challenged after a recent flight from Madrid to New York, I asked my 12-year-old East Coast cousin, Lia Flynn (related to Potrero Hill somewhat obliquely via her great-uncle, the late Michael Grieg), to please repeat the name of the class she said she was taking at school. "It's called DERE: DROP EVERYTHING AND READ!"

What an inspired idea, I thought. Let me share it with my readers in celebration of National Library Month. After all, what else is there to do in April? I know, I know, but nobody gets around to doing THAT until May, anyway. So why not do what Lia and her classmates do and what better place to get started than at your local public library?

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant and Toddler Lapsit will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays, April 1, 8, 22, and 28 at 7 p.m. The film "Mouse Around" will be shown on Tues — day, April 6 at 10 a.m., and Wednesday, April 7, at 7 p.m.

OPEN, SHUT THEM . . .  
SHUT THEM, OPEN THEM

The Mission Branch Library will be closed from Sunday, April 11 through Monday, May 3, in order to move back to the renovated building on the corner of 24th and Bartlett Streets. The newly-

remodeled building will open its doors to the public on Tuesday, May 4, with opening celebration festivities scheduled for Saturday, May 8.

THANKS, CLIPPERS, PASTERS AND DONORS!

Thanks to all the volunteer clippers and pasters who have helped with efforts to update the vertical files. Among them are Amber, Eloisa, Indira, and Kalese, and one or two whose names are out of our grasp as we write this. A big thanks to Library Technical Assistant Amelia Martin, who donated the lovely green rug that now beautifies the reading room.

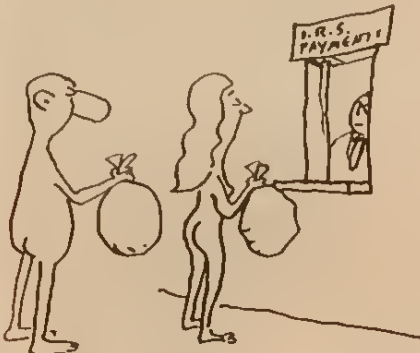
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- \* Guevara, Ernesto. "Guerilla Warfare." Introduction by Marc Becker to three of the revolutionary's most widely-read essays.
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- \* Nofi, Albert A. "The Spanish-American War, 1898." An excellent one-volume history.
- \* Marti, Jose. "Versos sencillos/Simple Verses." Bilingual edition of classic work by Cuban poet.

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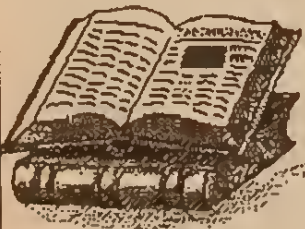
- \* Ada, Alma Flor, "The Malachite Palace"
- \* Alda, Arlene. "Arlene Alda's 1 2 3: What do you see?"
- \* Cole, Babette. "Drop Dead"
- \* Weitzman, Jacqueline Preiss. "You Can't Take a Balloon Into the Metropolitan Museum"
- \* Bramwell, Martyn. "How Maps are Made"

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APRIL 15 . . .

THE VIEW AT THE LIBRARY



If you are searching for a story that ran in the Potrero View a long time ago, take a look at the bound volumes at the Potrero Branch Library which contain every issue from the very first one in 1970 through December 1991. We will have more recent issues bound in the not-too-distant future, but in the meantime, check with the librarian who may have them on file.

# TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

NEIGHBORHOOD FIGHTS AGAINST CLINIC CUTS

A proposed budget for Caleb Clark Health Center, reducing its funding from \$900,000 to \$300,000 and cutting back the staff doctors from three to one, met with strong local opposition at a March, 1989 meeting at the Neighborhood House. In the meantime the clinic continued to operate with the help of volunteers.

CITY STADIUM REPORT ADMITS POSSIBLE PROBLEMS FOR THE HILL

The proposed arena at Seventh and Townsend Streets and the proposed stadium at Second and King Streets came under strong fire from a report from the Department of City Planning. The Environmental Impact Report raised major questions by predicting that commute times out of the city during afternoon rush hours would be extended even further by construction of the two facilities. The lack of parking facilities was projected to cause serious problems on Potrero Hill, within 15 minutes walking distance from the sites.

ARKANSAS STREET GARDEN A SUCCESS STORY

The Arkansas Friendship Garden (at 22nd Street) is an example of neighborhood co-operation, and one of the many success stories funded in part by the Federal Community Block Grants from the Mayor's Office of Community Development. Started in 1973, the garden got an infusion of funds in 1984, enabling it to expand its gardening space and provide raised beds for special-needs gardeners from the Social Development Center.

ENTERPRISE MAKES 20 YEARS SERVICE

Enterprise for High School Students, a non-profit referral agency for San Francisco teens, celebrated its 20th anniversary. Started to help youngsters find summer work, the program expanded to include job-hunting training and apprenticeship placements. In 1988, the group placed more than 1,500 teens from all city high schools in jobs and apprenticeships, including a large proportion of minority youth.

NEW PRINCIPAL AT POTRERO HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

After four difficult years, principal Dr. Sam Rodriguez was relieved of his post in 1989 and replaced by assistant principal Dr. Michelle Miller. Criticism of the school had centered on low learning achievements, disciplinary problems, teacher and parent morale and neighborhood complaints. Miller invited faculty and community input as she began her term.

BUDGET CUTBACKS THREATEN THE POTRERO LIBRARY

A proposed five percent cut in library funding was protested by the Library Commission, and, it was pointed out in March, 1989, the cuts could cause a staff reduction in the Potrero Branch to one half-time adult librarian and one half-time children's librarian. A group called Keep Libraries Alive was formed to pressure the mayor and the Board of Supervisors to leave the library budget intact.

BOOK BY HILL RESIDENT SALTER TELLS STORIES OF THE HOMELESS

Stephanie Salter, in 1989 a ten-year resident of the Hill, who is a columnist for the SF Examiner, interviewed dozens of homeless individuals and families to provide the text for a book of pictures that was produced by the Bay Area Women's Resource Center.

AND TWENTY YEARS AGO

Potrero Hill Rec Center hoopsters won third place in the San Quentin Invitational Basketball Tournament . . . Dick Shouse reviewed a new book by Hill resident Daniel Berman. Entitled "Death On The Job," the book is a study of occupational health and safety struggles in the United States . . . Nancy Fox interviewed "The Underground Gourmet," R.B. Read, who was then the SF Examiner's restaurant critic . . . The View noted a number of events peculiar to April — the first Day of Passover, the sinking of the Titanic in 1912, the celebration of Palm Sunday, the Great San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, and the month Jackie Robinson became the first black major league baseball player . . . Muni proposed changes in bus routes . . . a housing shortage produced a shockingly high eviction rate . . . public ownership of utilities was debated by the Board of Supervisors.

— Bernie Gershater



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## Live/Work Moratorium Proposed by Bierman

At the March 29 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Sue Bierman asked the City Attorney's Office to draft legislation to enact a moratorium on construction of new live/work structures.

She also called for a hearing to be held in the month of April, if possible, to discuss the live/work statutes and possible misuses of the current regulations.

The March 29 Supervisors' meeting was attended by 50 representatives of various sections of the population who sported "NO MORE LOFTS" stickers.

There were representatives from the arts community, including south of Market nightclub owners, who charged that the proliferation of live/work developments was driving them out of business. Business owners from Show-

place Square, the newest area where live/work units are being proposed, were present to protest the strain that new construction is putting on their customer parking situation.

Perhaps the most persuasive argument came from Alma Robinson, from California Lawyers for the Arts. The organization, which was partially responsible for the original live/work legislation, now contends that the notion has backfired and needs to be stopped, as it is hurting artists — the very group that it was intended to help.

At Potrero View press time, no date for the hearing has been set, said staff in Bierman's office. Anyone seeking further updates on meetings in April may contact the Coalition for Jobs, Arts, and Housing at 291-8604.

C.P.

## McKinley Square Wins Grant From SF Beautiful

San Francisco Beautiful (SFB) voted March 18 to provide a grant of \$5,000 to Friends of McKinley Square to purchase and install playground equipment as part of the renovation of the park and playground located at 20th and Vermont Streets.

The SFB funding for the playground equipment is expected to be able to free up other city funds, which might have had to pay for the equipment, to cover other needs in the park. "SFB's support in purchasing the playground equipment would move the project substantially towards completion," the organization's staff recommendation to the board stressed.

Friends of McKinley Square has been working for more than six years with Rec and Park and the Dept. of Public Works to overhaul the park. Even with initial funding from the City's Open Space Fund, the renovation had been plagued by delays.

Cleanup and disposal of a considerable amount of toxic residue found in the park's soil has diverted much of the funding that would have gone towards purchase of the playground equipment, irrigation, sod and other items, San Francisco Beautiful pointed out.

Among the members of the SFB Board is Paul Wells, a Potrero Hill resident since 1982.

## Get Out Those Earplugs, UCSF Warns Neighbors

It may get a bit noisy beginning next month for residents of the northern slope of Potrero Hill as the result of a series of pre-construction activities for the new UCSF Mission Bay campus.

These activities will center around "Block 24," which is located on 16th Street west of 6th Street, which will be the location of the first research building on the campus.

Activities leading up to a projected "Building 24" groundbreaking in October will include:

- \* Early to mid-April—test pile driving.
- \* Early May to late July—utility relocation; construction of 6th Street bypass.
- \* Mid-May — pile testing.
- \* Late May — removal of underground tank.
- \* Late May through June — demolition of two buildings.
- \* Late July — closure of a portion of 6th Street.
- \* August to October — underground surveys; possible obstruction removal.

In preparation for the construction, which is scheduled to start in the fall, contractors will be driving about 20 test piles into the ground over a two-week period in early April. After about one month to allow for settling, further testing will be done. The purpose of the testing is to study how best to drive the piles once construction starts, thus keeping the duration of the ultimate pile driving process—necessarily a noisy activity—shorter. Variables to be tested include: size of piles; depth piles are to be driven; effectiveness of pre-drilling; and vibration impacts on nearby buildings. The work is expected to start on or after April 7, with the pile testing concluding in mid-May.

From May through July, work will take place on utility relocation con-

struction of a bypass street, and closure of a portion of 6th Street. Catellus, developer of the Mission Bay project, will perform a relocation of electric, gas, water and sewer services primarily along Owens Street. Also, because a portion of 6th Street is located on Block 24, Catellus will build a bypass street and utility corridor from 6th to Owens. This is designed to ensure uninterrupted service and access between the re-paved Owens Street and 16th Street once that portion of 6th Street is closed.

UCSF will work with Catellus and the City and County of San Francisco on this street closure, and anticipates further community notification and special signs in advance of the closure.

Starting in late May, Catellus will be demolishing the two existing buildings on Block 24 using bulldozers or similar machinery. No explosives will be used.

All construction work will comply with air and water quality permit requirements and adhere to the San Francisco Noise Ordinance. While the Environmental Impact Report allows for construction activity to take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., this project's regular construction hours will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). The pile driving work will be restricted to between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. In the event there needs to be an exception to this schedule, UCSF announced it will notify adjacent neighbors one week in advance.

If you have questions or would like more information, call Community Relations Manager Barbara Bagot-Lopez at 476-3206. For resolution of construction-related problems, please call Construction Manager Daniel O'Shea (with Turner Construction Company) at 274-2913 or UCSF Project Manager Ivy Chiao at 476-8071.

## Hill's Connecticut Yankee Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Connecticut Yankee restaurant celebrates its 10th anniversary on Saturday, April 3, and the public is invited to partake in a party featuring food, live music, drink specials and prizes.

The party begins at 8:30 p.m., and

music starts at 10 p.m.

Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House. The Connecticut Yankee is located at 100 Connecticut Street at 17th Street. For more information contact Fritz or Jim at 552-4440.

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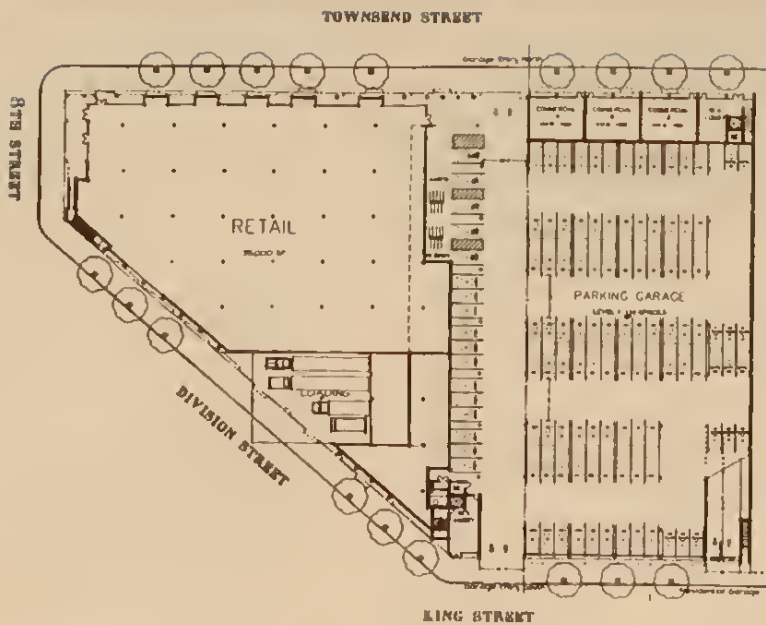


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Ground floor plan for the Andronico's/8<sup>th</sup> and Townsend Lofts proposal.

## Hearing Set April 15 on Andronico's Proposal

A City Planning Commission hearing set for April 15 is slated to address questions raised around the proposal to build an Andronico's Market — along with 148 rental units and three live/work units and three live/work units — at the corner of 8th and Townsend Sts.

The land on which the market and units would be built is currently being used as a parking lot, primarily for customers in the Showplace Square design buildings and the new Sega headquarters located in the former Fashion Center.

The controversy over the Andronico's proposal centers on the cumulative effect on parking availability if not only this project — but others in the immediate area — are approved. In addition to this project, at 675 Townsend, those also facing opposition from area merchants over the parking issue are those proposed for 630 Eighth Street

and at what is now Baker Hamilton Square.

Although a report from the Planning Department staff emphasized that the 675 Townsend/Andronico's project "would not have a serious environmental effect" in the area and recommended a "negative declaration" — meaning no need for an environmental impact report — the Planning Commission Jan. 21 decided to set a hearing both on the possible need for an environmental review as well as the matter of a conditional use permit.

There would be 148 apartment units in the complex — 76 residential lofts (not live/work units); 48 one-bedroom flats; and 24 two-bedroom townhouses, as well as three live/work units.

Ten percent of the units would be rented at below market rate, Charmaine Curtis of developer A. F. Evans Co. told **The Potrero View**. Although the units would initially be rentals, the developer does intend to convert them to condominiums at some time in the future and does not have a specified commitment as to how long they would remain rentals.

Curtis stressed that because the complex is being proposed as a Planned Unit Development (PUD), rather than a live/work development, it would be covered by city regulations requiring certain amounts of open space and off-street parking as well as provision for below market rate housing. "We chose to do it this way, rather than as live/work," she stressed.

The Andronico's market proposed for the area would provide 35,000 square feet of shopping space, with off-street parking. Andronico's, based in Berkeley but with a store in the Sunset District of San Francisco, is a specialty grocery known for its fresh produce as well as gourmet and standard items.

The proposal has the support of the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Assn.

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## AMMIANO TELLS HILL DEMOS:

# Living Wage to Help "Working Poor"

"The minimum wage and what people can live on in San Francisco are quite different," Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano told members of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club March 9 as he outlined his proposal to enact a Living Wage Ordinance in the city.

"In San Francisco rents are so high, the cost of living is so high, the minimum wage is just not enough to live on," he stressed. Ammiano noted that a recent hearing "had put a face on this issue; we were able to hear from people who said, 'Either you pay the dental bill or you pay the rent.' These are the working poor."

Although details of the proposal are currently being thrashed out by various groups including the labor movement, the Committee on Jobs and others, the chief issues at stake will be how much a living wage would constitute and what the scope of the ordinance would be—just which agencies and which employees would be covered by it.

Similar ordinances are already on the books in Oakland and San Jose. In general, they cover those businesses

or agencies that have a contractual relationship with a city—either getting city funds for a program or performing work for or leasing space from the city.

Ammiano said that although the corporate Committee on Jobs and some of the larger non-profit agencies in the city "are not opposed to the living wage concept, their problem is with the amount and the scope—and for them the amount isn't as important as the scope."

While the Committee on Jobs is reluctantly agreeing to peg the living wage at \$8.50 per hour with benefits, and about a dollar higher without benefits, the city's labor unions are pushing for \$13.50 with benefits and \$14.50 without.

A number of questions continue to be raised about who would be covered by the ordinance, and whether smaller non-profit organizations might be able to receive subsidies of either city or federal funds to make up the gap between the minimum wages now being paid and the amount required by the ordinance.

Among other questions about coverage:

\* Would there be exemptions for special programs that provide summer work for youth, or special jobs for retired seniors?

\* If only a portion of an agency's employees are performing work under a city contract, are only those employees covered by the Living Wage Ordinance or do all employees of the agency get the higher rate?

\* Will paying a higher rate enable non-profit agencies to hire employees with more experience and a higher level of educational qualifications?

\* Would employees at San Francisco City College whose jobs relate to their student status be covered by the ordinance?

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## BIRTH MARK



Famed San Francisco clown Jeff Raz takes a tender look at love, marriage, the Jewish faith and the process of adopting a child in his new play "Birthmark" at the Marsh, 1062 Valencia St., Thursday-Sunday April 15-May 30. Call 826-5750 for information.

## "Odyssey of Captain Healy" Premiere Slated on April 17

As the last century drew to a close, Captain Mike Healy represented law and order along a 30,000 mile coastline of the Alaskan Frontier. He was part of the Marine Revenue Service — precursor to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Every spring, Healy piloted the cutter "Bear" from San Francisco to the Bering Sea. Newspapers across the country carried stories about him and called him the "Ruler of the Arctic Seas."

Now a new film, "The Odyssey of Captain Healy," which contains rare archival footage, traces both Healy's exploits and his secrets. Healy was

African American at a time when Jim Crowe laws and segregation were the order of the day. He defied convention — but personal demons would be his deadliest challenge.

Premiere showing of "Odyssey" will be held on the square rigged schooner "Balclutha" on April 17 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$8. The ship is located at the Hyde Street Pier. Producer Maria Brooks will attend the screening and reception.

The show's initial broadcast will take place April 19 at 10 p.m. on KTEH, Channel 54, and will be scheduled later on other PBS channels.

## Ballroom Dance Theatre Opens Spring Season

The technical precision, sensuality and theatrical style of ballroom dancing will be presented onstage as San Francisco Ballroom Dance Theatre (SFBDT) presents four evenings of repertory works locally,

The series begins Thursday, April 15, at 8 p.m., at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. in San Francisco. Additional performances will be held Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m.

Artistic Director Roberta Meyer and her company of seven professional performers, including special guest artist Pampa Cortes, will present nine works, including last year's successful premiers of Caribbean Capers and Ballroom Etudes. Also participating in this year's Spring Season will be members of the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Assn. This "Corps de Ballroom" will compliment the professional dancers and fill the stage to enhance the theatricality and presentation of the works.

For more information call 252-5900.



Capt. Mike Healy

## PARTICIPATE AT CHRISTOPHER'S 'Reading Opens Doors' Provides Books for Kids

Beginning April 1, Potrero Hill residents will again have the chance to participate in Reading Opens Doors, a book drive to benefit both Back on Track Literacy and California Poets in the Schools.

Anyone who wishes to help may purchase a book at Christopher's Books, 1400 - 18th St. Participants may browse the names and reading interests of kids in either the Back on Track literacy tutoring project or the California Poets in the Schools program and

purchase a book to be donated to a child in that program.

People who buy a book for Reading Opens Doors will get a coupon for 10 percent off their next purchase at Christopher's Books, which will then add a colorful paper door to its front window to mark the purchase of another book for the book drive.

The book drive runs through May 15. Book drive organizers hope this effort will provide 275 books for students in the two programs.

## Hill Firefighter Pens Memoir

Potrero Hill resident Caroline Paul was nominated last month for a BARBRA award for her book, "Fighting Fire," published last year by St. Martin's Press.

The BARBRA award is sponsored by the Bay Area Book Reviewers Assn—which certainly stands for BARBRA if you count the "r" in Area.

Paul has been a member of the San Francisco Fire Dept. for nine years and is now part of its Rescue Squad.

She set out to write an expose about the "boy's club" atmosphere of the department while she was a reporter for radio station KPFA in Berkeley but instead ended up joining the department at a time when only a few other women had done so.



Athletic and active all her life, Paul is the twin sister of Alexandra Paul, star of television's "Baywatch."

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FRIENDS & FOUNDATION OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY are holding a book sale (not library books) at Fort Mason Center, Building A, Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, April 18, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Books are priced at either 50 cents or one dollar.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for Rheumatoid Arthritis Sibling Study. Searching for the genes that cause rheumatoid arthritis (RA), UC San Francisco researchers are looking for volunteers diagnosed with RA, who also have a sibling diagnosed with the condition, to participate in the study. Study volunteers will be asked to participate in a 10-minute telephone interview, and will then be scheduled for single appointment where they will give a blood sample, undergo an examination and have x-rays taken of each hand. For more information or to volunteer call Peggy Rasmussen at 476-8009 or 888-223-3067, ext. 2.

CRISIS LINE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED by San Francisco Suicide Prevention, to provide emotional support in a non-judgmental manner, and to provide crisis management and information and referrals when appropriate. The next training class will begin April 29. Call 984-1900 for an application packet or more information.

MODERN TIMES BOOKSTORE presents Daniel Singer: Whose Millennium? a ringing defense of socialism by a member of the international left. The book critiques recent events in Europe from the transformation of the Polish trade union movement to the massive worker strikes in France in 1995. Singer discusses the issues progressives must tackle if they want to pursue a world that would put into practice the principles of egalitarianism and true democracy. This is a New College event and will take place at their Cultural Center at 766 Valencia, Friday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m.

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MAGNIFICAT, VOICES AND INSTRUMENTS of the Early Baroque, presents Monteverdi 1610 Vespers, Saturday, April 25, 4 p.m., at St. Gregory Nysen Eqpiscopal Church, DeHaro and Mariposa Streets. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15/seniors, and \$10/students. For information call 979-4500.

MEDIA ALLIANCE presents a career panel, featuring well-known editors and others in the alternative media, on journalism outside the corporate media world, on Wednesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m., at 814 Mission St. (at Fourth Street) Suite 205. For information call 546-6634. The cost is \$15 for non-members, \$10 for members. Also, on April 19 at 7 p.m., media critic Norman Solomon discusses his new book, "The Habits of Highly Deceptive Media," which details the latest excesses and failures of America's self-censoring mainstream media and brings you the stories they declined to tell. Admission is free.

MEDIA ALLIANCE also sponsors "Queen of the God-Damn Web" on April 5 at 7 p.m., a night of performance and dialogue with Internet and performance artist Nao Bustamante. The event is a kick-off for Arts Online, Media Alliance's new program "to train artists from marginalized communities to explore the Internet as a medium for promoting artwork or creating interactive art." At the Galeria de la Raza, 2857 - 24th St. (at Bryant). For information call 546-6334, ext 313. Admission is free.

YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS presents sparkling performances of new music by women composers including Russia's leading lady of composition, Sofia Gubaidulina; Julia Wolfe; and Scottish composer Thea Musgrave, Monday, April 12 at 8 p.m., in the Forum. Also at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, two programs featuring dance films of Paul Taylor's choreography: Tuesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. "3 Epitaphs," "Funny Papers" and "Speaking in Tongues;" Tuesday, April 13, "Syzygy," "Spindrift" and "Last Look." On Sunday, May 2, the Celebration of Family Series presents "Sayang Bali," traditional Balinese shadow puppets, accompanied by live gamelan musicians.

UC SAN FRANCISCO PRESENTS "Diet, Breast Cancer and You," a review of what's known about the effects of diet on breast cancer and ongoing clinical trials, at Room 300, Health Sciences West Building, 513 Parnassus Ave., on the UCSF Campus. Admission is free. For more information call 476-4394.

BRING THE JEWISH SPIRIT TO AN OLDER PERSON. Jewish Family and Children's Services and Ruach Ami: The Bay Area Jewish Healing Center are recruiting members to provide Jewish spiritual support and connection to older Jews isolated in nursing homes and to participate in monthly learning sessions. Volunteers will be asked to commit to four to six hours a month for a year. Training will be provided. For information call Sheryl Groden at 449-3844.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING YARD SALE for the benefit of Friends of Potrero Hill Nursery School will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the nursery school at 500 DeHaro. The huge garage sale will be held in the yard of St. Gregory Church. Kids' clothes and stuff, furniture and more, as well as a bake sale.

TAX-AID, as a part of a community program to offer free help preparing tax returns, will meet with anyone needing help at the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), 1245 Alabama St., April 3 and 10, between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and at Southeast Community Facility, 1800 Oakdale Ave., same time, same dates. For help on taxes bring your W-2s, other proofs of income, and tax forms. The program is open to all families with total incomes less than \$26,000. For more info call 281-1600.

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF ARTS & CRAFTS (CCAC) celebrates the completion of its newly renovated San Francisco campus with a Grand Opening Celebration on April 16, 8 p.m. Location of the school is 450 Irwin St., at Eighth. The 160,000 square foot facility, renamed the Montgomery Campus, houses the Schools of Architecture and Design and related Fine Arts disciplines. This event is free and open to the public. Reservations are required. Call 703-9520 for information.

UCSF CANCER RESOURCE CENTER is offering a new one-month interactive smoking cessation program to anyone who is trying to quit smoking. All participants will have their carbon monoxide levels checked at three, six, nine and 12 months free of charge to determine their success at quitting. Initial registration fee is \$50, but if participants have documented smoking cessation after 12 months, the money will be returned to them. Registration is required. For more info call Karen Stronach, coordinator, at 885-3693.

MEDIA ALLIANCE, a training and resource center for media workers, political activists, and community organizations, offers a free career panel for people looking to do something creative for a living. Artists and media workers who will participate in a Career Panel for Media Alliance include muralist Juana Alicia; Christine Wong of the East Bay Institute for Urban Arts, Cathy Arellano, a Mission-based writer and educator; and Marcha Walner of Berkeley Community Television (Channel 25). The event takes place Wed., April 28, at 6:30 p.m., at the Alliance's office, 814 Mission St., Suite 205, in San Francisco. Call 546-6334 for more information.

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# China Scholar David Wakefield Dies at Age 49

Former Potrero Hill resident David Wakefield died March 8 at the age of 49 following a long battle with bone cancer.

David's parents, Evie and John Wakefield, had moved to Potrero Hill in the early 50s, living first on Kansas Street, and then in a little brown cottage on a cliff on Carolina Street. He attended Patrick Henry Elementary, Everett Junior High and Galileo High schools. It was while at Galileo that he started to learn Chinese. He was also active in sports, joining both the swim and soccer teams at high school.

He went to San Francisco State University, where he took part in the turbulent student anti-war protests and radical politics of the late 60s and early 70s. He worked on the San Francisco waterfront as a member of ILWU Local #34 while he attended college.

David taught English in China and Japan, and continued his studies in Chinese systems of inheritance, which was the subject of his doctoral dissertation. While in China he married Su, a Chinese citizen.

After receiving his PhD, he was hired by the University of Missouri to teach Chinese history. Before he could leave to take the job he learned that he had bone cancer. The university held the job open for a year while David remained in the Bay Area for treatment.

At the University of Missouri he was voted by students to be the best teacher in the school. He received an excellence in teaching award and prize posthumously.

He was the author of one book, "Feng-shui: Household Division and Inheritance in Qing and Republican China," published in 1998 by the University of Hawaii Press, and translated "The Three Inch Golden Lotus," a novel on the subject of foot binding, published in 1994.

David is survived by his wife Su, son Daniel, sister Rebecca and her husband Gil, mother Evelyn and stepfather Bud Massey.



Arlene Chew Wong was active in disability organizations and with community groups on Potrero Hill and throughout the city. She was a part of the Paratransit Council and she taught cooking classes at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House. Born Aug. 28, 1938, she died on Feb. 23.

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# A Sister's Memories of Hiller Paul Weingartner

Paul Weingartner, my brother and best friend, died peacefully in his home on Connecticut Street surrounded by family and friends on Feb. 17. He was born on June 27, 1964, and at the age of 34 years, Paul's life was ended by an illness related to AIDS.

Even though he faced an uncertain future Paul lived his final years happily on Potrero Hill, in the home of his late grandparents Balamero and Isabel Vides had lived in for 40 years, the home where his mother Mary Ann Weingartner had been raised, and the site of his most special childhood memories. He fondly remembered countless summer days playing in his grandparents' flourishing garden and riding his bicycle at the end of the street while his grandmother picked wild fennel and flowers from the hillside that overlooked the old water tower in the distance.

Even as a boy, Paul had a refined appreciation for architecture, art and beauty—from his early experiences of attending Mass at St. Teresa's Church on Sundays with his grandparents. He was awestruck by the church's interior's combination of colorful stained glass, magnificent arches and statuary. Paul remained fascinated with religious buildings and artifacts throughout his life and his artwork reflected how profoundly he was affected by his visits to the many great churches in Europe.

Paul delighted in the changes to the neighborhood over the past years that had created somewhat of a "European ambience" but with a definite San Francisco style. A gourmet cook, he appreciated that he could walk around the corner and get quality produce from the local markets, or dine at any of the wonderful Hill eateries and cafes — activities he did almost daily.

A graduate of Menlo Atherton High School and San Jose State University, Paul believed that "life is art and art is life." As an employee of Sam Smidt Studio, and Hausman Design in Palo Alto, and later as a freelance designer, his graphic work in logo design and corporate identity won much recognition. Ten of his logos were selected for inclusion in "The Newest Logo From California," published in 1997 by Madison Square Press in New York. Some recent logos he created for local businesses were for Castro Village Pharmacy, Pretzel's Yoga School, and the Haight Ashbury Youth Outreach Team. He volunteered for the Central YMCA as a graphic designer and created their advertisements for the Bay Guardian. Several years spent studying art in Italy



Paul Weingartner

and Switzerland inspired the clean line and contemporary design for which Paul was known.

Paul loved the vibrant city life in San Francisco as well as its magnificent parks and coast. Some of his favorite things to do were taking a ride to Baker Beach on his baby blue Vespa for a rejuvenating day of sun and sand; rollerblading in Golden Gate Park after dim sum on Sundays; treasure hunting at garage sales on Potrero Hill, and then going to Farley's to sketch in his journal and sip latte; and dancing until the wee hours at clubs South of Market.

In his later years he added to his creative talents gardening and gourmet cooking and his home was the site for many memorable dinner and "theme" parties, graciously hosted by Paul, and Kim and Matt Austin, his housemates for many years, and best friends.

Paul is survived by his parents Allan and Mary Ann Weingartner of Los Altos, his sister Suzanne Alejandre and adoring niece Sophia, family members Roland and Aida Anderson of Potrero Hill, godmother Joan Kloehn of Fairfax, as well as the many friends who graced Paul's life and filled it with adventure, joy and love.

Contributions in Paul's memory can be made to UC Regents/SF General Foundation, and mailed to Dr. Meg Newman c/o Ward 84, 995 Potrero Avenue, San Francisco CA 94110.

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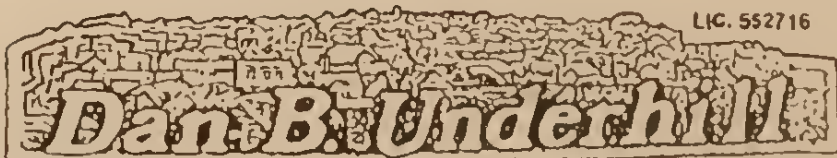
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## Anne Bernstein, Actress, Dies March 1

Anne Howard Bernstein, a 17-year resident of Wisconsin Street on Potrero Hill, died on March 1 at age 68 of a pulmonary embolism after a valiant two year battle with ovarian cancer. She was a third generation member of a family that has distinguished itself in the arts, particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Ms. Bernstein's grandfather, John Galen Howard, was the supervising architect of UC Berkeley during the first quarter of the century. He created the design of the campus and most of the Beaux Arts style of distinctive architecture. He had four sons — Robert, Charles, Henry, and John; and a daughter, Janette. They became artists, sculptors, and architects.

Anne Howard Bernstein studied drama at UC Berkeley, along with French, Italian, and German, in which languages she also sang. She was an accomplished musician who built from a kit — and played — her own harpsichord. From late 1954 to 1968 she lived in Greenwich Village in New York City, which became her home base as she pursued an acting career. She became a member of Actors' Equity and appeared, under the stage name of Alison Howard, in many productions Off-Broadway, in Summer Stock, in Touring and Repertory theater companies.

In 1968 she married John Guy Mackarness in England and became a resident in that country for the next 14 years before returning to San Francisco. While living in England she became a member of British Actors' Equity where she did some television work, understudied Deborah Kerr in a West End theater production, and had a small speaking role in the Stanley Kubrick film, "The Shining." Her



Anne Howard Bernstein

stage name in England was Alison Coleridge. Much of her time was devoted to raising three teenage step-children, and to gardening. She became an avid horticulturist and grower of roses, which she continued in her garden on Wisconsin Street upon her return to San Francisco.

She was passionate about, and supported a large number of causes pertaining to animal rights, environmental protection, birth control, and conservation.

She is survived by her 97 year old father, John Langley Howard; her brother, Samuel; her husband Daniel Bernstein; and four step-children: Christopher, Jane, and Susan Mackarness; and Adam Bernstein, and by several cousins in the Bay Area, and a nephew, Thomas Howard of Evanston, Illinois.

A memorial service will be held at the Swedenborgian Church, at Washington & Lyon Streets in San Francisco on Sunday, April 18 at 4 p.m.

— Daniel Bernstein

## Lifelong Hill Resident "Big Lou" Martinez

Louis Martinez was born on August 12, 1941 in San Francisco and lived his life on his beloved Potrero Hill. We lived next door to each other all of our formative years and attended St. Teresa's Grammar School, located just two blocks from our houses at 19th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Once, when Lou was in the sixth grade, we both came home to our own homes for lunch. Lou was running a little late (what else is new) and fell down his stairs and injured his hip. Lou and I went back to school and the next day his mother Emma took Lou to the hospital and a few weeks later he was operated on. Lou spent the seventh grade in a body cast for six months, being tutored at home.

"Big Lou" returned to join his classmates for his final year in grammar school and passed his entrance test to Lowell High School, (then on Hayes Street).

During our high school years we were very active in several different organizations and sports activities. When Lou was at Lowell is probably when he got his name, "Big Lou". Lou grew both in height and weight, however, he had a problem from his prior injury: one leg was 1 1/2" shorter than the other and he had to use a wedge in his shoe to play all the sports he loved. We played in the City Basketball League and in several softball leagues.

Big Lou was the first kid on the Hill to get a car and in our junior and senior years in high school we were involved in our own car club: "The Quarters Masters". Big Lou raced several different cars, from his midnight blue 427 Ford to his 1941 Buick, straight eight with twin carbs. I remember when we raced up in Cotati and made the finals. Before the race we discovered a fuel leak on the carb. We used a cracker jack box with its wax coating to get the car ready and just missed winning in our "F" gas division. Just another adventure for Lou.

After high school we both attended college for a year before I joined the Marine Corps, and Lou worked on the Hill. Before long Lou owned his own business, Chip's Liquor on 18th Street. From there, he was able to go in a partnership to purchase the Mayflower Saloon just next door.

During his stay in both these esta-



Lou Martinez

blishments, "Big Lou" took it upon himself to sponsor several different sporting teams to compete in the various city leagues. Big Lou would join the North Beach League and get a team together from the Hill. You should have seen the faces of the opposing teams when Big Lou introduced black players in the line up. Or when he entered the black touch football league on Steiner Street and showed up with white players from the Hill. You see, when we grew up on the Hill, we did not know what prejudice or discrimination was; we were from the Hill.

Big Lou was taken from us after a long and painful battle with diabetes. His many friends on the Hill are planning a memorial to "Big Lou" at Jackson Playground, probably in May. Announcements will be made to all his friends.

— Mark Hurley

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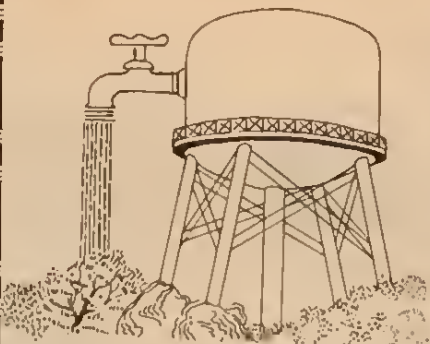
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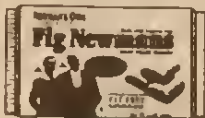
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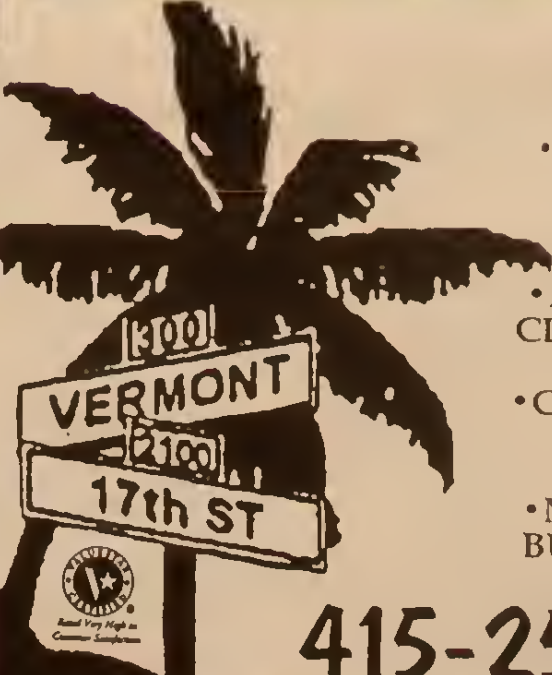
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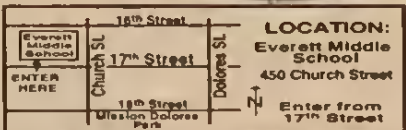
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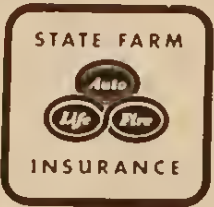


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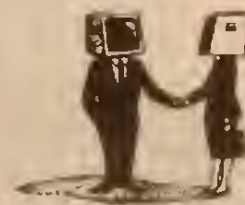
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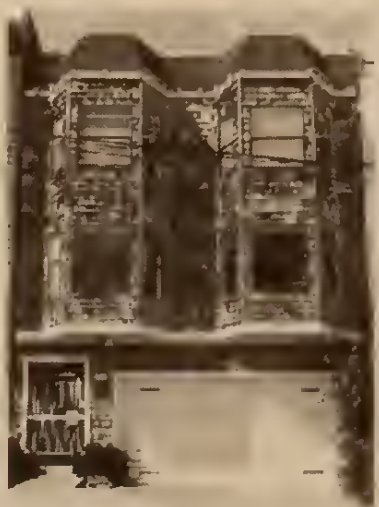
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